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1st Reconnaissance Battalion reactivated

By Lance Cpl. Brian J. Griffin,
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Office

MARINE CORPS BASE, CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — General James L. Jones' mission to revitalize Marine Corps reconnaissance took a big step forward on July 5 with the reactivation of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division. The unit, which had been relocated, reassigned and redesignated more than 25 times since 1937, was deactivated in 1992, giving way to Recon Company, which became part of Headquarters

Battalion. "When the colors are uncased, we will instantly transform from a company to a battalion structure," said Lt. Col. Michael J. Paulovich, Commanding Officer, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion.

"Changing from a company to a battalion will give us two things - a better capability for command and control to support the division's reconnaissance efforts, and ... a greater ability for centralized training," Lt. Col. Paulovich said.

According to one of the commandant's principal goals, it also restores a reconnaissance capability. Please see **REACTIVATED**, Page 2

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Career Planner Force

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What is a Marine Corps Career Planner? A Marine Corps Career Planner is a knowledgeable, skilled specialist in the enlisted retention and career progression business.

There are 323 Career Planners Marine Corps wide, including assignments in ground, FSSG, and aviation units, conus and overseas locations (accompanied and unaccompanied).

The unit Career Planner plays many roles in a command.

Career Planners are advisors, who provide assistance and advice to the Commander and the Sergeant Major as they make important decisions affecting Marines and their families.

The Career Planners are facilitators, the command's liaison with Enlisted Assignment Branch MMEA in the retention process.

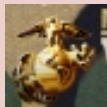
The Career Planner is also a mentor, providing Marines with advice and counsel concerning retention and career opportunities.

The Career Planner is a teacher educating Marines regarding reenlistment prerequisites, lateral moves, education opportunities and Officer Programs.

The Marine Corps is looking for competitive Sergeants and Staff Noncommissioned Officers leaders. Leaders in the primary MOS, leaders in respective units, leaders our younger Marines can look to in planning their future.

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A CH-46 Helicopter from HMM-263 lands on LZ Falcon June 24 during a fastrope class that Marines of the 24th MEU (SOC) led as part of NATO's Exercise Cooperative Partner 2000 in Odessa, Ukraine.

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unmatched at 1st Marine Division since the deactivation eight years ago, Lt. Col. Paulovich said. This ceremony saw past members of recon participate in the restoration of colors and the placement of the battle streamers on the colors.

Lieutenant Colonel Paulovich said the brotherhood associated with recon is one that may be unmatched in the Marine Corps. "Traditionally, our men go out in small units, sometimes as small as three or four Marines, so there is a real close bond that develops between these Marines," Lt. Col. Paulovich said. "It is significant for our prior Recon Marines to participate in the ceremony because of this bond." Recon Marines proved their valor in Korea, Guadalcanal, Vietnam and elsewhere, he noted.

In gearing up for reactivation, Recon Company was already approaching battalion size. About 50 more Marines are needed to fill billets, Lt. Col. Paulovich said. They will be obtained gradually through normal channels.

The upcoming battalion's debut exercise, a force on force training event, will be held at Camp Pendleton.

Joint Warrior Interoperability Demonstration 2000 Kicks Off

By OASD, Public Affairs

Military space capabilities featuring Joint Warrior Interoperability Demonstration (JWID) 2000, began on July 10, and will conclude July 28, 2000, at Peterson AFB, CO. The Joint Warrior Interoperability Demonstration is an annual, Joint Staff-sponsored demonstration during which government and industry join forces to demonstrate new and emerging technologies that will shape the battlefield of the future.

The Joint Warrior Interoperability Demonstration is a warfighting demonstration run by a different military organization every two years. This year's event is being hosted by the U. S. Space Command (USSPACECOM). Demonstrations will be con-

ducted at selected locations around the world. Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center, near Colorado Springs, CO will be the key site for USSPACECOM.

U.S. Space Command will provide support to the other JWID 2000 warfighting commands, which include U.S. Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii, and U.S. Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, VA. Numerous North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations, Australia, and New Zealand will be running their own demonstrations based on scenario inputs and will be conducting command and control interoperability trials with the United States.

Joint Warrior Interoperability Demonstration is carried out in a two-year process that includes this year's "Theme Year," and next year's "Exploitation Year."

In the Theme Year, technologies from the private sector will be assessed in a military environment. These demonstrations must meet established technical criteria and fulfill goals defined by the sponsoring combatant command and the Joint Staff.

The Joint Warrior Interoperability Demonstration 2000 will demonstrate support to warfighters that integrates space forces and space-derived information

with air, land, and sea forces. Demonstrations will also show global dominant battlespace awareness in a combined/coalition task force setting, and the ability to unify, integrate, and expedite intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance support to the warfighter through a single interface. Enhanced information superiority technologies in a combined/coalition environment will also be evaluated.

The demonstrations will help identify emerging technologies that hold the most promise in addressing communications and information interoperability issues facing the U.S. military and the nation's allies. Joint and coalition warriors will work with multiple demonstrations and choose the "best of the best" for further assessment and integrated



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evaluation in the Exploitation Year (2001). Termed "Gold Nuggets," selected systems that aid knowledge flow within the strategic, operational, and tactical battlespace are targeted for immediate integration into Defense Department systems.

"Today, space-based assets transmit a significant portion of the information critical to military operations," said Air Force Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, Commander-in-Chief, USSPACECOM, host for JWID 2000. "It's clear this reliance on space will continue to grow. Traditionally, we've talked about space as a combat multiplier in a combat support role, and that thinking was on target as we attempted to get all the warfighters to think and integrate space. However, now space has become much more basic and intrinsic than just a force multiplier. Space is a prerequisite. It's not a luxury anymore; it's a requirement for conducting military operations. Space has proven itself vital to our national interests."

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U.S. Military Units Embark on Humanitarian Assistance/ Disaster Relief in Romania

By Major Ken White, U.S. Marine Forces Europe, Public Affairs Office

CONSTANTA, Romania — Nearly 800 reserve and active duty U.S. soldiers from New Jersey, Massachusetts, California, Alabama, Tennessee joined troops from 13 NATO and other partner nations during the kick-off of Exercise Rescue Eagle 2000 in areas surrounding Constanta, Romania, on July 12.

The exercise is designed to improve the abilities of the participating nations' forces to accomplish humanitarian assistance and disaster relief-type operations, by using the scenario of a mock earthquake. Training objectives are specifically aimed at small-unit enhancing the abilities of these forces to work together.

Major U.S. units include: Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Dover, NJ; a detachment from the 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Service Support Group, San Diego, CA; a company from the 167th Mechanized Infantry Regiment, 31st Armored Brigade, Alabama Army National Guard, Talladega, AL; a combat enhanced capability aviation team (medical) from the Tennessee Army National Guard, Alcoa, TN; a detachment from the 622nd Aero medical Evacuation Squadron, 622nd Regional Support Group, 22nd Air Force, Miami, FL; and a detachment from the 52nd Medical Group, 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem AB, Germany.

United States forces have joined participants and observers from Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Moldova, Slovakia and Turkey, Hungary and South Africa.

During opening ceremonies, Constantin Degeratu, consular of the President of Romania, stood alongside other dignitaries to highlight the importance of the exercise before the assembled nations' forces.

"It is a very important day because the exercise is occurring in an unprecedented context, as today we are celebrating three years since Romania and the United States signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement," Constantin Degeratu said. "I am confident that the experience accumulated [in this training] allows us to start any kind of [humanitarian assistance] activity from the same level as our partner nations."

Major General David F. Bice, Deputy Commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe, from Stuttgart, Germany, represented the lead U.S. unit, and emphasized the significant future dividends the exercise will pay.

"There is an old saying that a warrior's biggest fear is letting his buddies down," said "The result [of this training] is that we [partner nations] can look to each other in times of disaster or national crisis and say to



Graphics courtesy of Rescue Eagle website

ourselves, 'we won't let our partner nations down.'"

The United States-sponsored, Romanian-hosted joint, combined exercise will occur through July 20, and includes some 800 active-duty and reserve U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines. The second largest U.S. exercise of its kind this year in Europe, Rescue Eagle is being conducted in the spirit of the Partnership for Peace Program.

The stabilizing effect of exercises of this sort was a common theme throughout the ceremony.

"Through exercises of this sort our men and women in uniform can cement the bonds of fraternity and teamwork which promote peace and stability throughout this region of the world," Maj. Gen. Bice reiterated.

Speaking from the site of a massive tent camp erected to house the exercise participants, General Mircea Chelaru, Chief of the Romanian General Staff, echoed the same sentiment.

"If this exercise has a main goal of intervention for humanitarian assistance, then there is nothing more humanitarian than keeping and preserving the peace status."

The U.S. Ambassador to Romania, Jim Rosapepe, is scheduled to attend the exercise on July 17 and participate in a mass casualty drill, which will highlight the interoperability of the Rescue Eagle forces.

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Marine Corps Announces Precautionary Suspension of Harrier Flights

By Major David Andersen, Headquarters,
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WASHINGTON, DC — The Naval Aviation Systems Command today ordered a temporary suspension of flight operations for a portion of the Marine Corps' AV-8B Harrier fleet.

The decision to temporarily suspend flight operations was based upon preliminary engineering findings that pointed to the number three engine bearing assembly in the F402-RR-408 engine as the likely cause of an engine fire that resulted in the loss of an AV-8B during a training mission at Twenty-Nine Palms, CA on June 21. The pilot of that aircraft ejected safely.

Officials addressed concerns about the number three engine bearing assemblies when they previously ordered a recurring 15-flight hour oil sam-

pling/analysis process. Although these precautions successfully identified problems in at least two engines recently, they were unable to identify the symptoms of the impending failure that led to the June 21 mishap.

Until the cause of this latest engine failure is fully understood, Naval Air Systems Command has ordered suspension of flight operations to ensure the safety of the pilots and aircraft.

By next week, the F402 Engine Group team to include Rolls Royce, Naval Aviation Depot, Cherry Point and the Naval Air Systems Command Team, will complete their review of the engineering findings of the investigation. At that time, the commander of Naval Air Systems Command will determine the course of action required to return the fleet to flight status.

This action affects 105 AV-8B Harriers, 11 of which are deployed. AV-8B aircraft with F402-RR-406 engines installed are not affected by this flight restriction because of a different number three bearing design.

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